

Mid-Week Devotion

It drives me a little bananas every time someone says “the best is yet to come.” Yes, there are beautiful promises in scripture that promise God has set a future before us.

But if we are honest, we may find ourselves saying: “Sometimes the best is behind me.”

Sometimes we have crested. Sometimes we have finished the song of parenthood, either because we didn’t have that baby or they are grown and gone. Maybe we are playing the closing notes of the life of a friend, parent, or child. We are singing, knowing someday the last note will be sung.

Is it okay to acknowledge what’s behind us? And can we still love what is ahead?

When we start to have more past than future, we must allow ourselves a gentle honesty. Just as God numbers the hairs on our head, so too our days on earth can be counted. This ends, and part of accepting our finitude is bringing greater appreciation to what’s gone, and what still may be.

Age can teach us what to love. When we have more past than future, our desires may change to love not simply what might be, but to love what already is.

Perhaps that is the best prayer of all. *God, give me the desires of my heart*, only to discover what you desire is already there, holding your hand, complaining about the weather because, hey, no one is perfect.

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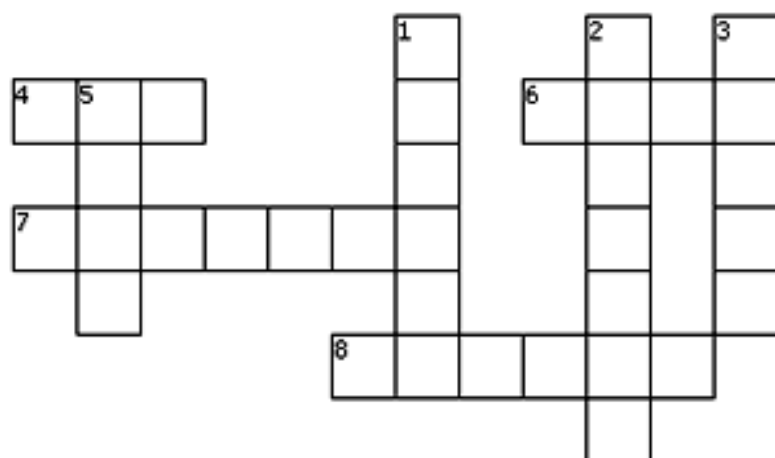
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Father command
 love greater
 remain lay
 obey down
 life business
 friends chose
 servants bear
 master fruit



Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. A state of happiness or delight
6. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
7. Someone that performs duties for a master
8. A person that you like very much

DOWN

1. One who has authority over another person
2. An order which a person is expected to obey
3. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
5. To do what you are told; follow the rules

Words Used

love	command	friend	joy
obey	servant	master	learn

Bible Memory Verse

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

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